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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRICALLY

STIMULATING THE NERVOUS SYSTEM TO IMPROVE VENTRICULAR DYSFUNCTION, HEART FAILURE, AND

OTHER CARDIAC CONDITIONS

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action of January 26, 2007.

## REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims to the following groups:

Group I, claims 1016;

Group II, claims 17-27;

Group III, claims 28-29;

Group IV, claim 30;

Group V, claim 31;

Group VI, claim 32; and

Group VII, claims 33-40.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, defined by claims 17-27.